

Linda D. Smith,)
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 Plaintiff,) Civil Action No.: 1:17-cv-01887-JMC
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 v.) **ORDER**
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 Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner)
 of Social Security Administration,)
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 Defendant.)
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In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), EAJA fees awarded by this court belong to the litigant and are subject to the Treasury Offset Program. 31 U.S.C. § 3716(c)(3)(B) (2006). Therefore, the court directs that fees be payable to Plaintiff and delivered to Plaintiff's Counsel. The amount of attorney's fees payable to Counsel will be the balance of attorney's fees remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of attorney's fees granted, that amount will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no attorney's fees shall be paid. (*See* ECF No. 22.)

For the reasons set forth herein, after a thorough review of Plaintiff's Motion (ECF No. 22) and the Stipulation (ECF No. 23), the court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (ECF No. 22) and **AWARDS** Plaintiff \$5,400.00 in attorney's fees.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michelle Childs". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

United States District Judge

August 8, 2018
Columbia, South Carolina